

MERRIMAC, W. VA., UNDER FIRE FROM KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS

A Squad of State Troopers Has Left Williamson for the Scene of Action by Automobile—Six Kentucky Deputy Sheriffs Have Started Over the Mountain in an Effort to Reach the Attackers From the Rear—Along the Tug River Mountain Fighters Are Observing the Truce.

Williamson, W. Va., May 15.—Heavy firing on Merrimac, W. Va., from the Kentucky mountains opposite that village broke out tonight, according to a report received here by Captain J. B. Brockus of the state police.

A squad of troops led by Captain Brockus left immediately for the scene of action by automobile. Six Kentucky deputy sheriffs who were in Williamson when the report was received crossed the river and started over the mountains in an effort to reach the attackers from the rear. With Kentucky national guardsmen on duty in the region along the Tug, which was the scene of a fierce day mountain battle growing out of a dispute over the ownership of the land, the situation would be quiet. All day long the situation was quiet, and it was the general belief that the mountain fighters had decided to abide by the truce arranged last night. Captain Brockus had just reported "all quiet" to his superior officer tonight when the dispatch telling of hostilities at Merrimac was received.

Twenty-five Kentucky national guardsmen arrived here from Moorehead, Ky., this morning and were immediately posted at points of vantage on the Kentucky side of the stream. They took up positions from Berland to McCarr. About thirty more Kentucky troops are expected to arrive on a later train.

Decided Increase of Violence in Ireland

Miss Barrington, Nine Policemen and Two Soldiers Killed During Week-End.

Belfast, May 15.—(By The A. P.) Miss Barrington, only daughter of Sir Charles Barrington of Glenelg Castle, County Limerick, and head of the Macclesfield Order in North Munster, and Police Inspector Higgins were shot and killed from ambush Saturday night by civilians while motoring from Killybeg to Newport, County Tipperary.

The father of the dead woman is a former high sheriff of County Limerick. Nine policemen, two soldiers and a number of other persons were killed Saturday and today in attacks and counter-attacks at various places. Numerous persons were wounded.

More lives may have been lost in the Macroom ambush, when seventeen policemen were killed on Sunday. The police were on duty in the town, but for general and organized violence Saturday and today probably were the worst since shootings on a large scale were inaugurated in January 1919. All the casualties except one occurred in the area covered by the southern parliament. The exception was at Drogheda, Tyrone, where a Sinn Féin man was shot.

Miss Barrington was traveling with two other women and Inspector Major Higgins and a military officer when she was killed. The military officer was wounded.

Constable Bridges was shot dead and two other constables were wounded while purchasing groceries Saturday at Drogheda. The police were on duty in the town, but for general and organized violence Saturday and today probably were the worst since shootings on a large scale were inaugurated in January 1919. All the casualties except one occurred in the area covered by the southern parliament. The exception was at Drogheda, Tyrone, where a Sinn Féin man was shot.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

International fur... of St. Louis... announced... deficit of \$9,200.

British... government... announced... \$20,000 for forest fires in the... place.

Mexican... says it is prepared to operate... public utilities if the threat of a strike in carried out.

Two men... a private bank of \$5,000 in... 63rd street and 14th avenue, Bronx.

A tramway strike has broken out in Petrograd and a railway strike is threatened.

France is unanimously opposed to any German military operations in Upper Silesia declared Premier Briand.

The business section of Wildersville, a town of 800 people, about ten miles from Lexington, Ky., was wiped out by fire.

A banking institution controlled by American capital has been opened in Danzig.

Rumors are current that the Argentine government is preparing to lift the ban upon the exportation of gold but there is a lack of official confirmation.

Notices were posted in the factories of the Boston Rubber Shoe Company in Malden, Mass., and Melrose, announcing a shut down from May 27 to July 2.

Governor Cox of Massachusetts signed a bill authorizing state committee of political parties to add women to their membership.

Fire swept over two acres of frame building along the railroad yards at Lawrence, Mass. Losses are estimated at \$150,000.

Tramway national administrative council... of Albany, N. Y., has been... group of American bankers for a loan of \$15,000,000 has been rejected.

Charles P. Abbott of the brokerage firm of Abbott, Putnam & Co., New York, was found not guilty of larceny of about \$1600 from Lewis H. Green of New York.

Several members of the Petrograd municipal government resigned because of differences with Premier Lenin over the question of freedom of transit in Petrograd according to a local dispatch.

It is reported in Berlin, Walter von Simons, former foreign minister, will be appointed German ambassador to the United States when diplomatic relations are renewed.

Chairman Volstead of the house judiciary committee, declared the ruling of the federal court in the case of the United States v. Alvin Karpis, which has been prescribed as a precedent, will never become effective.

Cotton consigned during April amounted to 48,332 bales of lint and 43,036 bales of lint compared with 55,914 of lint and 33,297 of lint in April last year, the census bureau announced.

Plans for President Harding's visit to New York May 23 contemplate the delivery of two addresses and attendance at a regimental review during a stay of a few hours.

Dr. Max Richter, chairman of the executive board of the Polish syndicate and a German commissioner at the world's fair held in Chicago in 1893, is dead in Berlin.

A bequest of \$2000 to the German Red Cross by the will of the late Lewis O. Richter, of New York, has been disallowed by decree of the superior court.

Frank H. Gilligan, 24, of New Haven, was killed early yesterday when his automobile which he was driving was struck by another machine and overturned on a hill in Branford. Two young men with him were slightly injured.

A 12 1/2 per cent wage reduction for the employees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company was provided for in the findings of a state board of conciliation and arbitration.

Miss Mary White, only daughter of William Allen White, author and publisher of the "Country Gentleman," died of injuries received in a fall from a horse last Tuesday.

Four hundred thousand tons of coal are tied up in Antwerp as a result of the refusal of the members of the Dockworkers' union to load coal destined for England.

The Excelsior of Mexico City, reports fifty persons killed and more than twenty wounded in Morelia, capital of the state of Michoacan, when police aided by unsolicited help from radicals charged a group of Catholics.

A report made to Montclair city committee shows that a horse in the park department has been drawing a salary of \$3 a day from the city since January 1, being paid in checks made out to "H. Bell."

Dr. William Cuno, head of the Hamburg-American steamship line, arrived in New York on the steamship Rotterdam to confer with steamship officials here concerning the contract recently made with the United American line.

Dr. Walter Rathenau, president of the German General Electric company, Berlin, is being talked of as a possible appointee to the ambassadorship at Washington, when it becomes possible to name the German representative there.

The 350 employees of twelve counter-factories in Haverhill, Mass., who have been on strike for two weeks have reached an agreement with the manufacturers to arbitrate wage differences and will return to work today.

Barry Egan acting lord mayor of Cork, who is visiting in Paris, told a representative of the Journal that the Sinn Féin would carry out of the 138 in the South Irish parliament at the coming elections there.

Rear Admiral S. S. Robinson, commanding the Boston navy yard and station was etailed to be military governor of San Domingo. He will relieve Rear Admiral Thomas Snowden, who reaches retirement age this summer.

Steamship Benalla, of the Peninsula and Oriental Line, from London to Sydney, Australia, with 1,000 passengers and crew on board, went ashore near Royal Sovereign Lightship off Cherbourg, following collision with British tanker Patella.

Guy Kyle, former clergyman, and Loren Williamson, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., were sentenced to six years each in federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, on charge of robbing a mail pouch containing \$189,000 at Mount Vernon on January 14.

Stormy Sessions of Mexican Deputies

Score of Persons Killed in Conflict Between Catholics, Police and Radicals.

Mexico City, May 15.—(By The A. P.) The Morelia tragedy, in which a score of persons lost their lives in a conflict between Catholics, police and radicals, and the invasion of the legislative halls in Mexico City by protesting radicals gave the deputies a contest of strength in the chamber of deputies between the partido liberal constitutional, the dominant political party, which claims President Obregon as its leader, and the various radical groups, which for the moment are united in a common cause.

Stormy sessions in the chamber are predicted for the coming week, and the battle is scheduled to start tomorrow afternoon, when the deputies will seek a majority vote for their resolutions in secret caucus calling for the resignation of Coahuila Casca, governor of the federal district, Luis Morones, governor purchasing agent and Colonel Bayagada, inspector general of police.

The partidos also have decided to request the grand jury to order an investigation into the Morelia tragedy, and Antonio Diaz Sotry Gama, both radical deputies, who are alleged to have been the instigators of the invasion on Friday of the chamber by a group carrying the red flag of communism.

The partidos, after caucusing last night asserted that they had the power to oust Gama, Morones and Bayagada, as well as several other officials, and is an avowed radical and is alleged by his opponents to have provided official protection for numerous radical demonstrations. He is the leader of the labor federation in Mexico, and Bayagada is described as the "tool of both."

The partidos have been long at grips with Carrillo and Gama, both of them socialists who control large numbers of followers.

The Morelia incident of Thursday, in which Isaac Arriaga, head of a commission in the state of Michoacan, was one of the victims, has brought to a climax the feeling which has been apparent in heated debate since the agrarian bill was introduced in the chamber ten days ago. The radical group which invaded the chamber Friday, asserted it came as a protest against Arriaga's death, when the tribune was forcibly occupied the speakers indulged in general invective against all who opposed its program.

There were frequent "rivals" for bolshevism, and Emilio Zapata, the dead bandit leader of Morelia, was lauded as the real proletarian of Mexico.

DIFFERENCE OF FEELING IN GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE

French Newspapers Assail Lloyd George's Speech on the Upper Silesia Situation—London Observer Declares the British Prime Minister Has Displayed Commendable Patience With France—Asserts That Poland is Worse Than Prussia.

Paris, May 15.—French newspapers today assailed the Upper Silesia situation and upheld Premier Briand's statements made in his interview with foreign correspondents here Saturday. Former Premier Clemenceau's newspaper, L'Homme Libre, said Mr. Lloyd George's cynicism passes all measure. It is an invitation for France to massacre the poles for the greater glory and profit of Germany.

Humanite, the socialist organ, interprets the address of Mr. Lloyd George as meaning that "French capitalists will occupy the Ruhr and that Poland, 'the vassal of Quai D'Orsay,' will receive the Silesian basin. 'Behold Germany all but deprived of all its industries; behold France assured of first place in Europe!'"

The words of Mr. Lloyd George are described by the Belait as "brutally against France, and intended to encourage German troops immediately to cross the frontier."

The Petit Parisien notes that in his answer to Premier Lloyd George, on the Silesia situation, the Polish government is made by Premier Briand that if the Poles are responsible in some measure for the events in Upper Silesia, it is right to recognize that the Polish government adopted a correct attitude, namely, by closing the frontier. The newspaper asserts that France could not witness passively armed intervention by Germany in Upper Silesia. This would be considered by France as a violation of the treaty of Versailles, and consequently a casus belli.

The Journal says it learns from Copin that the inter-allied arms depot located at Breslau has been robbed by a detachment of Germans and that 4,000 rifles, 18 machine guns and a million cartridges were taken to Upper Silesia to be distributed among the "free corps" there.

GERMANY SENDS NOTE TO FRANCE PREMIER

Paris May 15.—The German government has transmitted a note to Premier Briand in which it is declared that the uprising in Upper Silesia followed information printed in the Upper Silesian newspaper which is the official organ of Adolphe Korfanty, and not information printed in official newspapers.

The note maintains that the stories printed in the German newspapers were in no way misleading. It adds that there has been no amelioration in the situation in Upper Silesia and that Korfanty is still extending his operations.

MANUFACTURERS' MEETING OPENS IN NEW YORK TODAY

New York, May 15.—A conference of manufacturers and ministers on world trade has been arranged for the city today, the annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers which opens here tomorrow.

Diplomatic and commercial representatives of this and two score of foreign countries are scheduled to participate. The United States departments of state and commerce and the Pan-American union are to be represented. The trade advisory section to be formed as an aid to delegates in matters of foreign and domestic business.

The convention will be organized tomorrow afternoon by Stephen C. Mason, president of the association. Addresses by James S. Hanes, New York banker, and Frederick A. Wallis, commissioner of immigration, part of New York, will be made tomorrow night. Tuesday afternoon a reception will be held for members of the diplomatic corps, the convention session to be under the honorary chairmanship of J. J. Dussan, ambassador of France to the United States. Addresses will be made by several European and South American diplomatic envoys.

At Wednesday's meeting will be heard Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation, and Admiral William S. Benson, chairman of the United States shipping board. Mr. C. H. Hoover, secretary of commerce, Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington and Representative Simon D. Pess of Ohio are in the program. Speakers at the day banquet of the association on Wednesday night, which will officially close the convention.

AURORA BOREALIS WAS STRONG SATURDAY NIGHT

New York, May 15.—The remarkably powerful electrical disturbance of the Aurora Borealis last night, which severely disorganized transcontinental telegraph and telephone communication, disappeared today, permitting normal resumption of traffic.

Reports received today by the Western Union Telegraph company from all parts of the country, indicated, it was said, that the lines in the Chicago territory were hardest hit by the phenomenon. Difficulty both in transmitting and receiving clear messages was experienced on nearly all lines throughout the night. At intervals throughout the night, the company reported it had caught up on the lines, and that there were ample wire facilities to all points.

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The electrical influence of the aurora while seriously affecting land wires, apparently had little effect on transatlantic wireless communication. The Marconi Company reported that its land lines between New York and Chatham, Cape Cod, suffered from the disturbance but signals from France and England were distinct and messages were received continuously.

CREW LOST WITH BARGE IN STORM ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., May 15.—All hope had been abandoned tonight for the captain and five members of the crew and one woman passenger of the barge Mistic, that broke from the steamer Zillah on Whitish Point, Lake Superior, during the storm Saturday morning.

Those missing and who are believed to have drowned were Captain E. J. Pedersen of Buffalo; his wife, Mate Robert Campbell of Tonawanda, N. Y.; Seamen Erick Johnson and Louis Florence of Bay City, Mich.; Seaman John Drexler of Chicago; and an unidentified seaman who shipped from Port Huron, Mich.

The barge Peshigo, that also broke from the Mistic, was picked up today by the Illinois and brought here.

The Pittsburgh Steamship Company steamer Maunaloa, which grounded on a sand bar at Cedar Reef last night, was freed from 300 tons of iron ore and had been reported in danger.

BRANDS POLAND AS WORSE THAN PRUSSIA

London, May 15.—Commenting on the expressed views of Prime Minister Lloyd George, Premier Briand relative to the Polish situation in Silesia, the Observer today said:

"Crisis has followed crisis in Franco-British relations, and Mr. Lloyd George has upheld tenaciously the solidarity of the British empire. His policy has been admirable, but in this last and worst of tangles candor will be of supreme importance.

"We are in the brink of catastrophe, and if the impulses of France cannot be restrained behind the closed doors of the supreme council, then they must be restrained in public."

The newspaper branded Poland as a "new Prussia," adding: "It is worse than Prussia, as William II was worse than Frederick the Great. Its catholicity of appetite is amazing."

REVOLT SUPPRESSED IN THE STATE OF TABASCO, MEXICO

Mexico City, May 15.—A small revolt in the state of Tabasco led by Captain Ontiveros has been put down, according to advices received by the war office. Ontiveros captured the village of Cardenas and held it for three days. Federal troops under Colonel Amaluz then recaptured it and made prisoner of the captain. Ontiveros escaped.

Francisco Luis Castillo, a former federal general was executed yesterday in Oaxaca for revolutionary activities.

SPOTS ON SUN INTERRUPTS TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Washington, May 15.—Interruption of telegraphic communication by electrical influences, it due to the presence of spots on the sun as set forth in the Brahear theory, will pass away within forty-eight hours in the belief of officials at the naval observatory here.

The present spot or group of spots on the face of the sun, estimated by naval observatory officials as 91,000 miles in length and 21,000 in height, was nearest the earth last night and today through rotation of the sun was moving away from the earth. Naval observatory officials said today that leaving out of consideration the decreasing effect of the spots on electrical currents on the earth, the solar activity and the phenomenon of the spots, the regular rotation of the sun on its axis would within a few days carry the spots so far from the earth as to make their influence negligible.

The theory that the aurora borealis or northern lights which send "earth currents" through telegraphic wires, interrupting communication, is based on the fact that the spots are accompanied by electrical disturbances has resulted in almost general acceptance of the theory.

The spots which are present on the face of the sun and which were visible to the naked eye today with the use of a smoked glass, were first photographed at the naval observatory last Monday when the rotation of the sun brought that side of the solar body within view. The spots at that time, according to Dr. C. H. Peters, an official at the observatory, were of the usual size, but the fact that spots on the sun usually are accompanied by electrical disturbances has resulted in almost general acceptance of the theory.

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NEW YORK ARRANGING FOR RECEPTION OF HARDING

New York, May 15.—Arrangements for the reception of President Harding, Vice President Coolidge and members of the cabinet, who will be in New York on May 23 for the 15th anniversary celebration of the founding of the New York Commercial, were made public tonight.

The president and Mrs. Harding will arrive in the forenoon, going to the Hotel Commodore, where suite has been prepared for them. The president will address the Academy of Political Science at luncheon at the Hotel Astor and in the afternoon will deliver the Twenty-third regiment, New York National Guard. Returning to his hotel, the president will be entertained with a half hour musical program at 7 p. m. The vice president, who will be the vice president of the celebration, will preside at a banquet of the association on Wednesday night, which will officially close the convention.

The subject of the president's address will be "Justice, Commerce and Industry," the vice president, "Safeguards of Democracy," and Secretary of Commerce Hoover will speak on "Government and the Citizen."

The banquet, it was said, would bring together the most notable gathering of business men the city has ever seen on such an occasion. Guests from all parts of the United States and Canada will attend.

SEN. MILLER OF NEW YORK BLANKET VOTES 198 BILLS

Albany, N. Y., May 15.—Blanket votes by Governor Miller of 198 bills passed by the 1921 legislature were announced at the executive chamber yesterday morning by the 16 miscellaneous measures that were not approved by the governor were the following:

The veto bill to authorize the adjutant general to issue orders to the adjutants of the United States Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Miss Marguerite L. Smith's bill to establish a fund for the relief of a state disability fund for war veterans, the Peria-Harrington bill exempting from taxation the property of corporations or associations of veterans of the world war, the Katie McQuinn bill to declare Roosevelt's birthday a legal holiday.

TRAIN DERAILED SOUTH OF BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Bloomington, Ill., May 15.—Train No. 9, known as "Alton Humer" is derailed six miles south of Bloomington. Several persons are reported to have been injured.

OBITUARY

George Harris Larke. New York, May 15.—George Harris Larke, advertising manager and assistant business manager of the New York World, died today of pneumonia. He was born in Markens, Wis., 51 years ago.

Mr. Larke entered journalism in his early youth, working in Duluth and Chicago before he bought the St. Joseph Post, of Gazette. He married in that city Miss Lillian Tootle. He sold the Gazette and became publisher of the Kansas City Post, also also he was of the Denver Post, jointly owned, at the same time. He left to buy the Indiana Sun with a partner. Later he was in Chicago as general manager of several publications.

Mr. Larke came to The World two years ago from The Evening Mail where he had been business manager for four years.

Two years he was treasurer of The American Newspaper Publishers Association, a director and also chairman of the committee on advertising agents.

Major General F. V. Greene. New York, May 15.—Major General Francis Vinton Greene, 71, died here tonight. He was born in Providence, R. I., and served at one time as military attaché to the American embassy in Petrograd. He was elected chairman of the New York county republican committee in 1900 and later was appointed police commissioner of New York City.

He served in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and was a director in a dozen large corporations. During his later life he wrote several books dealing with military subjects.

Following the funeral here on Wednesday the body will be interred in the Arlington National cemetery.

29 ARE TO BE GRADUATED FROM NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Newport, R. I., May 15.—What is known as the "elite" class of 29 officers will be graduated from the naval war college here next Saturday. In the absence of Rear Admiral Sims, president of the college, who is on his way to England, Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, chief of staff and acting president, will deliver the address to the class and distribute the diplomas.

VASSAR COLLEGE TO RAISE FUND FOR MARIE CURIE

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 15.—Announcement was made here today that Vassar college is to raise a fund to Madame Marie Curie, who, with her daughter, has been in her scientific work today, to aid her in her scientific work. Mrs. Curie spent the day quietly in the afternoon motoring to West Point in a motor car, and she will leave Poughkeepsie tomorrow morning.

FIRE DESTROYED FRATERNITY HOUSE AT BELGATE

Utica, N. Y., May 15.—The Beta Theta Pi Fraternity House at Colgate University at Hamilton, was almost totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire is believed to have started from an oil lamp, left standing against the house. The loss is estimated at from \$13,000 to \$20,000. No one was injured. The students were accommodated in the homes of professors and other fraternity houses.

WOMAN BREAKS WORLD'S LOOP-THE-LOOP PLANE RECORD

Milaca, N. Y., May 15.—Miss Laura Bromwell, 23 year old aviatrix, today broke the world's loop-the-loop record when her plane, starting at the height of 8,000 feet, performed 139 complete loops before landing. The flight took place at Curtis Field. Miss Bromwell was the uniform of lieutenant in the New York aerial police department.

Last year she established a record by performing 88 loops during a single flight. Her entire flight today consumed one hour and twenty minutes.

The exhibition was part of an aerial circus given before a crowd of several thousand spectators. Other performers made exhibition flights and executed parachute jumps from an altitude of 3,000 feet.

TOWBOAT ENGINEERS TO CONFER WITH OWNERS

New York, May 15.—Towboat engineers, meeting today, authorized a committee of three, headed by Thomas E. Healey, spokesman for the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, to confer tomorrow with the arbitration committee of the Towboat Owners' Association in an effort to stop towboats giving assistance to steamships banned by the engineers' union.

Healey stated an ultimatum would be served on the owners, stipulating that towboats must not dock, undock, or transport or supply steam to unfair steamships. He said the union had 10,000 men, employing from 2,500 to 3,000 men, he said, would be affected.

THREATS MADE BY THE UNEMPLOYED IN ST. JOHN'S

St. John's, N. F., May 15.—Threats of the unemployed here to close the legislative assembly and to take force for starving families food now in the hands of representatives of the colonial government and the city last night, to arrange a relief program to be put into effect on Monday. It was hoped that this action would improve the situation over the week end.

RAIDS IN LIVERPOOL BY GANGS IN MOTOR CARS

Liverpool, May 15.—About fifty men, working in gangs with the aid of motor cars, raided various parts of the city Saturday night and set fire to a number of dwellings.

THREE EARTHQUAKES FELT THROUGHOUT SALVADOR

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, May 15.—Three strong earthquakes were felt throughout Salvador Saturday. There have been no reports of casualties or of material damage.

HOLDERS OF LIBERTY BONDS NOT COLLECTING INTEREST

Washington, May 15.—Uncle Sam has \$2,000,000 of some people's money waiting in the treasury for them to come and get it, according to the latest official figures of outstanding temporary Liberty bonds.

This sum represents the interest due holders of temporary Liberty bonds who have not exchanged their bonds for permanent coupon bonds. The regular interest is paid. The figures show that there are 7,411,717 separate temporary bonds, of various denominations, amounting to \$1,122,739,299 in the hands of owners who have not exchanged them for coupon bonds. Against these figures on the treasury's books stands \$2,165,867 interest money that bond owners have not yet claimed.

THREE ARRESTS FOR ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUOR

Keene, N. H., May 15.—Three men who said they were Clarence M. Condon of Littleton and Albert H. Tunstall and James Derrick of Brookfield, Mass., were under detention here tonight pending a hearing tomorrow on charges of illegal possession and transportation of liquor. Condon was in a hospital with two bullet wounds in his leg inflicted by a patrolman who fired at the automobile in which the men are alleged to have been carrying 120 bottles of liquor and a quantity of alcohol.

When the car was brought to a stop Condon escaped. He was found early today in the woods.

INSPECTED QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN BOSTON

Boston, May 15.—James J. Davis, secretary of labor, and W. H. Hushand, commissioner-general of immigration, will visit the immigration stations at this port tomorrow. They arrived today from Portland, Me., where they inspected quarantine and harbor facilities yesterday.

Secretary Davis was the guest tonight of the Local Order of Moose, of which he is director-general.